Corporation (NSIC), while making purchases for use by the Defence Forces :—

1. Issue of tender sets free of cost.
2. Exemption from payment of earnest money.
3. Waiver of security deposit upto the monetary limit for which the unit is registered.
4. Price preference upto 15 percent over the quotation of large scale units on merits.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) C.S.D. makes purchases of household and consumer items for retail sale to troops and other entitled categories and not for its own consumption or the consumption of Government Departments. Items are purchased according to the choice and preference of the client i.e. the troops. As the clients' choice is the determining factor in C.S.D. purchases, no distinction is observed on the basis of the size or scale of the supplier/manufacturer, nor any preference given. Several items produced by small scale units are also included in the inventory of C.S.D.

**Changes envisaged in Army Judicial Department**

1958. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided or propose to bifurcate the Army Judicial Department, as reported in the Pioneer dated 13th November, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;

(c) whether it is a fact that Commanding Officers have been vested with more authority during pre-trial period of the court marshal proceedings against the army personnel and subjected the Judicial Officers to the control of the Staff Officers, if so, what are the details in this regard and the reasons therefor ;

(d) whether there is any proposal under Governments/consideration to codify the Army Rules, Regulations and Instructions pertaining to the service matters, if so, what are the details and what is the present position in this regard ; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to create confidence among the army personnel about the integrity and independence of the Army's judicial system ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) and (b) The Judge Advocate General's Department of Army Headquarters has been re-organised to make the system more responsive and transparent and to meet the requirements of Service. The pre-trial advisory functions have been separated from trial and post-trial advisory functions. Sections dealing with litigation have also been strengthened.

(c) The Commandng Officers derive their authority from the provisions of Army Act, 1950 and the Army Rules framed there-under. There has been no change in the provisions relating to their authority. The officers of the Judge Advocate General's Department are not the judiciary of the Army and they act as advisors to the authorities exercising judical powers under the Army Act and Rules.

(d) Consequent upon amendments in the Army Act, 1950, vide the Army (Amendment) Act, 1992 (Act No. 37 of 1992), Army Rules, 1954 have been amended.

(e) The re-organisation of the Judge Advocate General's Department has been carreid out with the sole purpose of creating confidence amongst officers about the integrity and independence of the Army judicial system. Prior to re-organisation, both the pre-trial and post-trial advice was given by the same set of officers.

**Termination of Service of IAF Officials**

1959. SHR VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Air Force has sacked about 4600 personnel due to paucity of funds, as reported in the Indian Express dated September 10, 1993 ;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ;